

DOCKET SECTION

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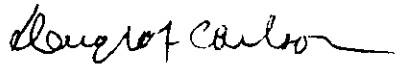
POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 1997

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS FROM THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
(DFC/USPS-RA-1-5)

October 27, 1997

Pursuant to section 27 of the *Rules of Practice*, I, Douglas F. Carlson, hereby submit this request for admissions from the United States Postal Service. If the Postal Service does not admit a particular statement, I request that the Postal Service explain the reason in detail and, if applicable, provide the facts that would be necessary for the Postal Service to admit the statement.

Respectfully submitted,



DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

Dated: October 27, 1997

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served this document upon the required participants of record in accordance with section 12 of the *Rules of Practice* and sections 3(B) and 3(C) of the *Special Rules of Practice*.



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October 27, 1997
Emeryville, California

DFC/USPS-RA-1.

a. Twenty-cent stamped cards that the Postal Service sells meet the automation-compatibility requirements listed in DMM §§ C810.2.1, 810.2.2, 810.5.1, and 810.7.4.

b. Some private post cards do not meet all the DMM §§ C810.2.1, 810.2.2, 810.5.1, and 810.7.4 requirements for automation compatibility.

DFC/USPS-RA-2.

a. If a mailer prints the delivery address directly onto a stamped card, the background-reflectance requirement of DMM § C830.3.2 will be satisfied.

b. If a mailer prints the delivery address directly onto a private post card, the background-reflectance requirement of DMM § C830.3.2 may or may not be satisfied.

DFC/USPS-RA-3.

a. A stamped card satisfies the automation-compatibility requirements of DMM §§ C830.3.4, C830.3.5, and C830.6.1–C830.6.3.

b. Some private post cards do not satisfy one or more of the automation-compatibility requirements of DMM §§ C830.3.4, C830.3.5, and C830.6.1–C830.6.3.

DFC/USPS-RA-4. If the Postal Service's proposed rates and fees for post cards and stamped cards are approved, to the extent that mailers can obtain private post cards for less than two cents, some mailers may use private post cards (at a rate of 21 cents) instead of stamped cards (at a total rate and fee of 23 cents).

DFC/USPS-RA-5. The Postal Service's TY 1998 after-rates volume estimate for stamped cards does not include the decline in volume that may occur if mailers respond to the two-cent stamped-card fee by using private post cards instead of stamped cards.